

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 6, 8 and 9 are pending in this application. Claims 7 and 10 - 17 have been previously cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended to change “sodium alumina” to “sodium aluminate”. Support for this change can be found on page 1, page 4-5.

Claim 2 has been amended to insert a period at the end of the sentence. Applicant submits that no new matter is being added by correction of this typographical error and requests that this amendment be entered.

Claim 1 and Claim 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has herein amended Claim 1 and Claim 8 to specify that the amount of polysaccharide in the blend is within the range of from about 5 ppm to about 10 ppm (Claim 1) and the amount of polysaccharide in the blend is about 5 ppm (Claim 8). Thus, there is no chance in these amended claims that the amount of polysaccharide would “include zero ppm”. Support for these amendments can be found on page 2 of the specification, lines 17-18. Applicant submits that no new matter is being added by these amendments and requests that they be entered. Applicant further requests that this objection be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be sent for all pending claims.

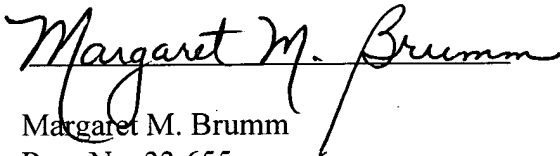
Claim 9 stands objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 (c), as allegedly being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant has herein amended Claim 9 to claim the blend of Claim 1 wherein the amount of polysaccharide is about 10 ppm. Support for this amendment can be found on page 2 of the specification, lines 17-18. Applicant submits that no new matter is being added by this amendment and requests that it be

entered. Applicant further requests that this objection be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be sent for all pending claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that based upon the above Amendments and Remarks that all pending claims are in condition for Allowance and courteously requests that a Notice of Allowance be sent for all pending claims.

Respectfully submitted



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